

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF DUST CONTROL SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether different major ports of the country handling bulk cargo have installed dust control system;
- (b) if so, the names of those ports where it is installed and operational;
- (c) whether the dust control system installed at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in March, 1990 has been put to use;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken against the persons responsible for such wasteful expenditure?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) to (e) 5 major ports, namely, Kolkata Port, Paradip Port, Visakhapatnam Port, Chennai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port have installed dust control system which also includes dust suppression system involving sprinkling of water on dust generating cargo. The systems are operational in 4 major ports, namely, Kolkata Port, Paradip Port, Visakhapatnam Port and Chennai Port.

At JNPT a dust control system was supplied by the contractor as part of Contract-II - Bulk Handling Facility and installed in March 1990. This was put to use by the Port Trust during the period 1992-1997 while handling bulk cargo. However, the Port Trust was not satisfied with the performance of the dust control system as also some other systems supplied by the contractor under the Contract for Bulk Handling Facility. Hence, the Port Trust withheld final stage payment of 10% in respect of price of goods and services to the contractor. Efforts made by the Port Trust to get the defects and deficiencies rectified by the contractor did not yield the desired results. On a reference made by the contractor, the issue of withholding of payment to the contractor became the subject matter of Arbitration. The Arbitration Award directing JNPT to release the withheld payments was published in July, 1997. During the Arbitration proceedings, no progress in the matter of rectification of the defects and deficiencies was made. After settlement of the Arbitration Award, the Port Trust again made attempts to make the Dust Control System operational but to no avail.

Considering the volume of dry bulk traffic handled during the recent past and the remote prospects for further growth in the fertilizers, fertilizers raw material and food grains traffic at JNPT in the near future, JNPT has not considered it advisable to incur further expenditure in making the dust control system operational.